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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **The Downs Infants '5 a Day Reading Challenge'!**

Research shows that children who are read *to* become better readers, have a greater vocabulary, and have better outcomes in many ways than those who are not. This year we are aiming to ensure that all children are read to at least 5 times a day. We have reorganised the school day to make time for children to be read to by lots of different school adults.

We will be reading to them at a minimum:  
In the morning, after lunch, in assembly and at home time.  
That's 4 times!

### **We would like you to commit to reading to them at least one more time every day!**

If you want to borrow a book, please talk to your child's class teacher. The library will soon be open for you to visit and that can be an extra opportunity for you to read with your child. Thank you to parents who have volunteered to help. Miss Downey and Mrs Baker have taken over the library from Mrs Arthur now and will be getting in touch with you soon. Thank you for your patience.

Let's see if every Downs Infant child can make the '5 a day'!

Yours sincerely,

Hildi Mitchell, Headteacher